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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Mining Research Institute (CMRI) has any action plan to check spreading of the underground fire in Mines particularly in Jharia; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b) : CMRI has a proposal to develop comprehensive technologies for disaster prevention and management for Jharia Coalfields during the 10th Plan. The main task of the envisaged proposal is to develop appropriate technology package specifically on assessment, isolation and extinguishing fire in a few of the Jharia Mines. The proposal is under consideration at the Planning Commission for "in-principle" approval.